

# District Court Judge

## Tom V. Jamgochian, Third Judicial District



**STATEMENT:**

It has been an honor to serve on the District Court in Palmer. The District Court, which presides over misdemeanors and has limited civil jurisdiction, is the place most people interact with the court system. My goal is to treat all litigants with respect and courtesy and provide individuals with a fair and impartial opportunity to be heard.

I have always strived to conduct myself with integrity, diligence, and humility. If retained I will continue to perform my duties to the best of my ability in order to be worthy of the job entrusted to me.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Palmer Courthouse  
435 S Denali Street  
Palmer, AK 99645

**AGE:** 45

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** One Daughter, age 6

**OCCUPATION:** District Court Judge

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 18 Years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Palmer (Butte) 2020 to present, Nome 2010 to 2020, Fairbanks 2008 to 2010, Bethel 2005 to 2008, Anchorage 2004 to 2005

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Palmer District Court Judge 2020 – Present  
Assistant District Attorney: 2005 – 2020

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Dog Mushing, completed the 2016 Iditarod

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## *Judge Tom V. Jamgochian, Palmer District Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Jamgochian met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Jamgochian was appointed to the Palmer District Court in July of 2020. Judge Jamgochian handles civil and criminal cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Jamgochian met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Jamgochian complied with judicial ethics standards.

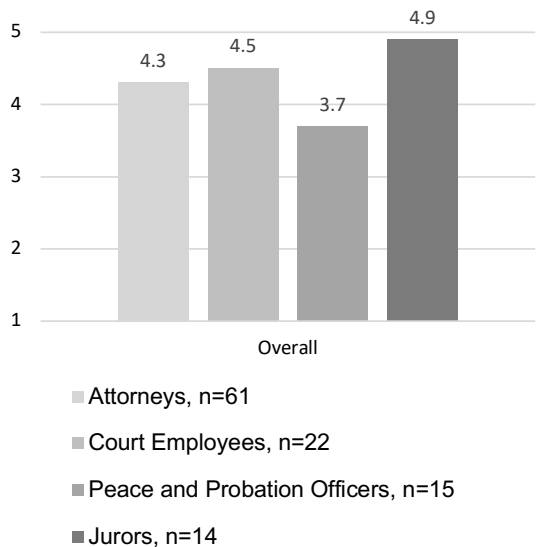
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Jamgochian in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys who appeared before Judge Jamgochian gave him excellent reviews, as did court employees. Peace and probation officers gave him very good ratings. Jurors rated him very highly. One juror commented, “The judge was very kind and professional.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Jamgochian. Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Jamgochian’s professional activities showed positive contributions to the administration of justice and his community. Judge Jamgochian made contributions in the areas of work group service, therapeutic courts, and community outreach. A detailed list of Judge Jamgochian’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Jamgochian, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Jamgochian performed well in these areas.

### Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Jamgochian



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

\*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)